Application No. 10/812,166 Reply to Office Action of August 19, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 19-49 are presently active in this case, with Claims 26, 27, 32, 35, 37, 38, 40, 43, 45, 47, and 49 amended by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, the specification, drawings and abstract were objected to; Claims 26, 27, 32, 35, 37, 38, 40, 43, 45, 47, and 49 were objected to; and Claims 19-49 were indicated as allowed.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of the allowable subject matter.

Claims 26, 27, 32, 35, 37, 38, 40, 43, 45, 47, and 49, the specification, the drawings, and the abstract are amended to correct the informalities noted in the Official Action. No new matter is added. Applicants also note that item 144 shown in Figure 33A is described on page 86, line 19.

Accordingly, in view of the present amendment and in light of the previous discussion, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request an early and favorable action to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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